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H. J. RES. 296

Designating March 21, 1994, as "National Single Parent Day".

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Mr. Torricelli introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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- Whereas there are 16,000,000 single parents in the United States, and the number of single parents has doubled in the last 20 years;
- Whereas 25 percent of the Nation's children are now living in single parent families, and an estimated 50 percent of the Nation's children will live with a single parent before reaching 18 years of age;
- Whereas, in the past, single parent families have not always been an accepted part of society;

Whereas single parents have struggled courageously to raise their children to a healthy maturity, to give their children the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and to give their children the same prospects for adulthood as children who mature in 2-parent households; and

Whereas it is time to recognize the courage and dedication of single parents who work to maintain strong family units and to be responsible members of American society: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That March 21, 1994, is designated as "National Single
- 4 Parent Day", and the President is authorized and re-
- 5 quested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of
- 6 the United States to observe the day with appropriate
- 7 ceremonies and activities.

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